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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship

Worship with Blaine!

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What are a few of the simple things in life you have been grateful for this week?

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost • Hybrid Worship

Prelude • We Are Called
Miriam Tong

Welcome of Grace and Greeting
Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

***Call to Worship**
Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

***Opening Hymn • How Great Thou Art (UMH #77)**
Miriam Tong, Michelle Vaughan, and Neal Komedal

Opening Prayer
Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

First Scripture Reading
Matthew 25:14-30 (CEB) • マタイの福音書 25: 14-30 (JLB)
Jamie Yates and Tsutomu Nagoya

Children's Message
Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

Second Scripture Reading
Psalms 98 (NRSVUE) • 詩篇 98 (Japanese Living Bible)
Shig Nishida and Tsutomu Nagoya

Sermon • Gratitude of Joy
Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Hymn of Reflection
What Gift Can We Bring (UMH #87)
Miriam Tong, Michelle Vaughan, and Neal Komedal

Introduction to the Offering
Shig Nishida

Offertory Music • "Seek Ye First" by Karen Lafferty
Miriam Tong

***Doxology**
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (UMH #94)
Miriam Tong, Michelle Vaughan, and Neal Komedal

***Prayer of Dedication and Consecration of Pledge Cards**
Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Announcements
Rev. Karen Yokota Love

***Closing Hymn • I Come with Joy (UMH #617)**
Miriam Tong, Michelle Vaughan, and Neal Komedal

***Benediction**
Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Postlude
"Lord I Lift Your Name on High" by Rick Founds
Miriam Tong

Passing of the Peace
Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Zoom Breakout Room
Rev. Dr. Jeney Park-Hearn



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Sermon Questions

1. Do you ever find it difficult to joyfully praise God?
2. Is it difficult to trust that God will bring forth justice?
3. What are a few of the simple (or small) things in life you have been grateful for this week?
4. How have you seen God at work this week?

Daily Lectionary Readings

Monday, November 20, 2023:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 83:1-4, 9-10, 17-18; Judges 4:8-24; Romans 2:1-11
Complementary: Psalm 9:1-14; Zechariah 1:7-17; Romans 2:1-11

Tuesday, November 21, 2023:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 83:1-4, 9-10, 17-18; Exodus 2:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-18
Complementary: Psalm 9:1-14; Zechariah 2:1-5; 5:1-4; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-18

Wednesday, November 22, 2023:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 83:1-4, 9-10, 17-18; Esther 7:1-10; Matthew 24:45-51
Complementary: Psalm 9:1-14; Job 16:1-21; Matthew 24:45-51

Thursday, November 23, 2023: Thanksgiving Day, USA

Semi-continuous: Psalm 100; Genesis 48:15-22; Revelation 14:1-11
Complementary: Psalm 95:1-7a; 1 Kings 22:13-23; Revelation 14:1-11

Friday, November 24, 2023:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 100; Isaiah 40:1-11; Revelation 22:1-9
Complementary: Psalm 95:1-7a; 1 Chronicles 17:1-15; Revelation 22:1-9

Saturday, November 25, 2023:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 100; Ezekiel 34:25-31; Matthew 12:46-50
Complementary: Psalm 95:1-7a; Isaiah 44:21-28; Matthew 12:46-50

Announcements



Today: Apple Pies on sale for \$15.00!

Do you need a pie for Thanksgiving? Frozen apple pies will be on sale for \$15.00 in the Social Hall. Earnings from the sales will benefit Maui Recovery and Relief through UMCOR. Please contact Lesley Okura with any questions!



Poinsettias on the Altar

Order now through December 17, 2023

Advent season is here and it is time to sign up for poinsettias for the altar. You may dedicate a poinsettia in celebration of a person or an event, in memory of a loved one or to honor God's glory. Poinsettias may be taken home after our Christmas Eve services. **Each plant is \$12.00.** The deadline for Poinsettia Orders will be **Sunday, December 17, 2023.**

Download the form: [visit blaineonline.org](http://visitblaineonline.org), scan the **QR code** on the right, **pick up a form** at the church office, or pick up the November issue of **the Beacon newsletter** for a copy of the poinsettia order form! The order form below should be filled out and mailed to: **Blaine Memorial UMC, Attn: Poinsettias**, 3001 24th Ave South, Seattle, WA 98144.



Thanksgiving Meal Work Party • Sunday, Nov. 19 & Monday, Nov. 20

BYG is once again partnering with Kimball Elementary School to provide Thanksgiving meals for food-insecure families. We'll gather on Sunday, November 19, after worship to prepare apple crisps together in the LAC kitchen. Additionally, on Monday at 6pm in the LAC kitchen, we'll make mashed potatoes and bake apple crisps (a light dinner in the Social Hall will be provided). We plan to deliver the meals to Kimball on Tuesday, the 21st, in the morning. Please contact BYG Directors or Terri Adolfo for more details.

Wednesday Meditation & Prayer November 22 at 9am

The Wednesday Prayer group continues to meet each week. Our time together consists of a check-in question centering around



United Methodist Founder John Wesley's famous question, "How is it with your soul?" Our time together continues with a few readings from *The Upper Room* Magazine. Finally, we end our time together with a pastoral prayer. Join us!

Greening of Blaine 2023

All are welcome to participate in the Greening of Blaine 2023. There will be two work parties, this year:

- **Tuesday, Nov. 28 (10a-12p)** - Worship Committee & Pam Ikegami will focus on the Sanctuary.
- **Saturday, Dec. 2 (9a-12p)** - volunteers will mount the wreaths, garlands, and swags to decorate the outside of the church and to install the year's Christmas tree. Lunch will be provided.

Please come take part! No prior experience necessary. Bring a tool to trim greenery for the wreaths! Welcome!



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

As a Church and people who believe in the power of prayer, let us continue to lift up these persons in the joys and concerns that they are experiencing in their lives.

Those in cancer treatment or remission

- Katie Tat, Rev. Karen and Jesse's niece
- Jennifer Lew • Tony Yasuda
- Lesley Cunninham • Duong Nguyen
- Quy Phi • Nikki Palmer • Linda Perry
- Doris Fraley • KT Aegerter
- Chuck Sitkin • Dean Tsuchida

Those in nursing homes or care facilities

- Dorothy Akiyama

Those with health concerns, recovery

- Madison Kelly • Bernie Pitts • Greg Ogata
- Suma Yagi • Connie Sekijima • Wyman Martin
- Marcia Takahashi • Rev. Shigeharu Ago

Celebrations

- Congratulations to **Blaine Memorial UMC leaders and church members** for a wonderful and insightful All Church Conference last Tuesday. We are grateful for **SeaTac District Superintendent Rev. Derek Nakano** for presiding over the meeting. Thank you to **Ron Nobuyama** and **Kai Yamamoto** for overseeing the tech work and livestream. We are grateful for everyone who attended the meeting both in person and online. Thank you to our **pastors** and **volunteers** for the preparation work involved to be ready for the meeting. Finally, we are grateful for each ministry leader who submitted a report. Thank you for all of the wonderful ministry that you're doing and we can't wait to see what's on the horizon for Blaine Memorial UMC!
- Congratulations to **Blaine Memorial UMC** on voting on a welcome statement that affirms **LGBTQIA+ people** and to commemorate the Blaine Memorial UMC joining the Reconciling Ministries Network. Congratulations!
- Congratulations to all who are celebrating **November birthdays and anniversaries!**

For our United Methodist Church

- We continue to pray for the safety of our **LGBTQIA+ siblings** and for a just, inclusive future within The United Methodist Church. We pray that we are guided by love and the hope for a world where all people are celebrated and loved, where their rights are secured and where their sexual and gender diversity is valued.

For our community, nation, and world

- Prayers for **our planet** and for the severe weather changes due to climate change. May we know the error of our ways and work towards a new sustainable lifestyle.
- Prayers for **our elected leaders** in government positions. Fill our leaders with wisdom, understanding, discernment, and knowledge. Give them the strength to make good decisions both in and out of the public eye.
- Prayers for **comfort and relief for those challenged by serious and chronic mental and emotional illnesses**. We ask that they receive help and support. Give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that they may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care.
- Prayers for the **people in Nepal** who were killed and for the dozens injured in an earthquake on November 4, 2023. We pray for the families who are rebuilding their homes and their lives. We pray for all of those who are grieving who lost loved ones.
- Prayers for the **people of Israel and Palestine** amid the violence and war. We pray for those who are dead and for the families who grieve. We pray for peace between the two regions.
- Prayers for our **unhoused siblings** in our neighborhood, in the City of Seattle, in our state, and across the country. May we improve systems so that our unhoused can be housed. May they receive the care and support necessary to find adequate housing.



Gender and Faith Workshop • Wednesday, Nov. 29, 7pm

Join the Reconciling Ministries Task Force Team for a Gender and Faith Workshop, Wednesday November 29 at 7:00 PM on Zoom. We'll build upon our learning from last session as we explore gender expression, pronouns, and gender expansiveness in the Bible. We'll continue to follow the video and discussion-based curriculum called Theology, Identity, and Me. We hope you'll join us!



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All are welcome here!

Our core belief is that each person is a beloved child of God — whose giftedness we value and whose presence and participation are a blessing to our community, and to the Kin-dom of God in the world.

Blaine Memorial UMC celebrates God's gift of diversity and values the wholeness made possible in community equally shared and shepherded by all. We welcome and affirm people of every gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation, who are also of every age, race, ethnicity, physical and mental ability, level of education, and family structure, and of every economic, immigration, marital, and social status, and so much more.

We acknowledge that we live in a world of profound social, economic, and political inequities. As followers of Jesus, we commit ourselves to the pursuit of justice and pledge to stand in solidarity with all who are marginalized and oppressed.

Thank you Terri Pittman for the wonderful flower arrangement!

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Ways to Give "Every person must bring a gift in proportion to God's blessings upon you." (Deut. 16:17)

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- **TEXT:** Text BLAINE to 73256. Click the link you receive and follow the prompts.
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